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COUNTRY	Korea	REPORT NO.	[REDACTED]	25X1A
SUBJECT	United Nations Air Strike on the P'yongnam Irrigation Association Project	DATE DISTR.	23 October 1953	
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- 25X1A 1. At approximately 1800 hours [REDACTED] four United Nations twin-motored light bombers flew over the P'yongnam Irrigation Association Project and dropped twelve 500-kilogram bombs near YD-325517 in Yongdu-bong (N 39-17, E 125-42) (YD-3252). The bombs exploded at approximately 0500 hours the following morning and destroyed the embankment. The reservoir flooded an area of approximately 300,000,000 p'yong¹ between YD-325517 and YD-3241. The flood washed away the entire rice crop in the area; 50 houses and 100 shelters; a railway bridge at YD-314521; a stone bridge at YD-306475; five trucks and five anti-aircraft guns of the Chinese Communist forces; and the railroad line at five different points. Approximately 250 Chinese Communist troops, 50 North Korean troops, and 50 civilians were drowned. Many of the people were caught in underground shelters during the flood; therefore, the number of deaths was comparatively high.
- 25X1A 2. [REDACTED] restoration work was started on the damaged area. Approximately 50 Chinese Communist troops and 300 civilians were mobilized to do the work. The embankment was rebuilt by the Chinese Communist troops. The restoration was completed by 25 May 1953, but no water was let into the reservoir for fear of another air attack.
- 25X1A 3. [REDACTED] the rice paddies in the flooded area were converted to dry fields for growing other crops, chiefly beans. The local population felt that this had been the greatest damage caused by any single United Nations air attack.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. One p'yong is equal to four square yards.

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